

Mr P Hayward: Headteacher

Friday 4th March 2022

In school this week...



What a week **Willow Class** has had!

The children have loved working with Oak Class on their joint writing project this week. They also enjoyed an afternoon at the park (whilst researching the equipment for DT!) Of course, the highlight of the week was World Book Day. Wow, what fantastic costumes and a great day of reading activities Willow Class!



This week, the children in **Oak Class** have thoroughly enjoyed working with their friends in Willow Class during the study of our new text 'How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth'. In partners, they have created information pages about mammoths and have ordered instructions. Their demonstration of our school values 'Fellowship' and 'Respect' was wonderful to see.



Over half term, the children also took part in a TT Rockstars challenge. They were asked to earn new coins and create an outfit for their avatar. We then voted for the 'Best Dressed Rockstar'. Here are our top three 'best dressed' winners: Toby, Millie and Jocelyn. Congratulations children and well done to everyone else who took part.

This week in **Beech Class**, the children have been learning how to group information under subheadings in English. This is in preparation for writing their non-chronological reports – the children have found out lots of interesting information about France, Italy and Spain! In science, the children have been learning how fossils are formed – they also had a super discussion about dinosaurs and even looked at some fossil casts. A special mention must, of course, go to World Book Day on Thursday when excitement levels reached an all-time high!! Everyone looked fantastic in their outfits!

Heights and Weights Measurements – Reception and Year 6 children

Parents and guardians of children in Reception and Year 6 should have received notification that their children are scheduled to have their height and weight measures taken on Wednesday 9th March 2022. All children, from Reception and Year 6, in school that day, will be weighed and their height measured unless parents opt out by completing a form from the school office. School nurses will carry out the measurements.

CHILL BOOKING FORMS

CHILL booking forms are now available for the next half term. This will take us up to Easter. It is really important that bookings are made in advance. To ensure we have the correct staffing ratios, we need to know numbers in advance to organise the staff rotas. The link to the website is below:

<https://www.st-andrews-weston.staffs.sch.uk/parents/1382-2/>

Lunch Menu for week commencing Monday 7th March 2022

Lunchtime Menu – Week 1 (Weeks commencing: 30/8, 20/09, 11/10, 01/11, 22/11, 13/12, 03/01, 24/01, 14/02, 07/03, 28/03, 18/04)					
Day	Dailies	Hot Specials		Sides	Puddings
Monday	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Burrito A soft wrap filled with lightly spiced vegetables and rice	Vegetable Supreme Pizza with dough balls Cheesy tomato pizza slice with sweetcorn and peppers	Fresh carrots and sweetcorn	Raspberry Ripple Ice Cream with fruit slices
Tuesday	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Allegra's Chicken Filo Pie with Mashed Potato A delicious light filo pastry topped chicken pie	Veggie Korma with Bombay Potatoes A veggie version of the classic mild Korma, with yummy lentils and chickpeas	Peas and Fresh Broccoli	Secret Brownie
Wednesday	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gravy Roast Turkey with fluffy roasties and tasty gravy	Quorn Roast with Roast Potatoes and Gravy A chunky sweet potato and chickpea roast	Fresh Carrots and Fresh Cabbage	Shortbread Biscuit with fruit slices
Thursday	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Favourite Beef Lasagne with a Garlic and Herb Bread Wedge A classic Italian beef lasagne in a yummy tomato sauce	Butternut Squash and Tomato Bake with Rice A delicious butternut squash and tomato bake served with rice	Fresh Broccoli and Sweetcorn	Berry & Peach Oaty Crumble with Custard
Friday	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Southern Fried Chicken Tasters with Chips Lightly seasoned crispy chicken strips and scrummy chips	Meat-free Dippers and Chips Crispy Quorn dippers with their favourite sauce - ketchup	Baked Beans, Fresh Carrots and Peas	Orange Sultana & Carrot Slice
Available every day: Cool water, salad, freshly baked bread, yoghurt and fresh fruit					

A Date For Your Diaries – Willow and Oak Classes

The Easter Bonnet Service is back! I have just organised an Easter Bonnet service with Reverend Viv. The service is planned to take place on **Thursday 7th April at 10.00am**. The service is for the children in Willow and Oak classes and families are welcome to attend. The children are invited to make an Easter bonnet to wear to the service but more about that as we get closer to the date. The service will take place in St Andrew's Church in Weston.



Pupils of the week...

Congratulations to Ava, Mayvi, Christina, Evan, Lorna, Amelia, Ben and Sebastian who are our pupils of the week. They were chosen by their class teachers for demonstrating Service, one of our school values. Well done children.



PRAYER SPACE – SERVICE

O, Heavenly Father, give me a heart like the heart of Jesus, a heart more ready to serve than be served, a heart moved by compassion towards the weak and oppressed, a heart set upon the coming of your kingdom in the world of men and women.

And finally...

RE: Update on In-School Covid 19 Prevention Measures

Thank you all for your support and your understanding during the past two years as we have navigated our way through the Coronavirus pandemic. Your support has been invaluable in keeping our community safe.

As you will no doubt be aware from the news, the government has now relaxed the laws surrounding Covid-19, allowing life to return to 'normal'. The government has placed the emphasis on the public to be responsible for their behaviours should they test positive for Covid.

After looking as a Trust at both the [Covid School Guidance](#) and the [People with Covid 19 Guidance](#), below is a summary of the actions you now need to take regarding Covid. Further information can be found by clicking on links above.

If your child has no symptoms and is generally well.	Your child should be in school.
If your child has symptoms of Covid-19 eg continuous cough, high temperature or loss of smell and taste.	They should stay at home and arrange for a PCR test and isolate until a negative test result is received. If a positive test result is received they should isolate until they test negative for two consecutive days from day 5.
If your child has no symptoms of Covid-19, is a little 'under the weather'.	They can come into school so long as they are well enough to learn and engage in school activities.
If your child's household has a positive case of Covid-19.	Your child should come to school unless they have Covid-19 symptoms.
If your child has had contact with a positive case either in school or the wider community.	Your child should come to school unless they have Covid-19 symptoms.

In school we will continue to comply with the following control measures:

- Ensure good hygiene for everyone.
- Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes.
- Keep occupied spaces well ventilated.

- Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of Covid-19.

We will be returning to whole school activities and will no longer be operating in bubbles. Should we see a rise in cases, we will continue to follow our outbreak management plan and may have to isolate classes that have high numbers of cases in order to minimise disruption to the education of the whole school.

Just to give you a measure of what has been happening in school and why it has been so challenging, here are some figures:

- Since September 2021 (this school year), 84 children have tested positive for Covid. These are the children we know about. This figure does not include children who have self-isolated. If we include these children, the figure is much higher.
- Since September 2021, 11 members of staff have tested positive for Covid.
- Since September 2021, 141 staff work days have been lost either because of testing positive for Covid or having to self-isolate.

This school year so far has been a challenge because the expectation is to get back to “normal.” We are starting to mix again and are looking forward to better times. To offer some hope, here are some things coming this way soon:

- Year 4 children and Year 6 children have been booked onto residential visits.
- The Easter Bonnet service has been booked (see above).
- I have asked all teachers to book visits as soon as possible to ensure the children are offered days out and places to visit.
- I am trying to arrange another after school club.
- I am in the process of setting dates for a family picnic, sports day and a summer fair.
- The next parents’ evenings will be face to face. Families will have the opportunity to look at the children’s books.
- Miss Lowe is busily booking sporting events for children. The first event starts on Tuesday. Fingers crossed for our Years 5 and 6 cross country runners.
- Reception children joining us in September 2022 will be invited into school.
- Parents and families will be invited to Abecedarian Assemblies again.
- The school council will meet face to face.

This is just a taster of what is to come. Once again, we thank you for your on-going support and your understanding.

Mr Hayward.

TERM DATES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2021 – 2022

SPRING TERM 2022

Tuesday 8 March	Years 5 and 6 Cross Country event – Race 1 - Rowley Park
Wednesday 9 March	Girls’ Football event
Monday 14 March	Governors’ Meeting 6.00pm
Tuesday 15 March	Years 5 and 6 Cross Country event – Race 2 – Marquis Drive
Tuesday 15 March	STAA Meeting – 6.30pm – St Andrew’s – all welcome
Tuesday 22 March	Years 5 and 6 Cross Country event – Race 3 – Marquis Drive

Monday 4 April	Parents' evening
Tuesday 5 April	Parents' evening
Thursday 7 April	Easter Bonnet Service 10.00am – Willow and Oak Classes
Friday 8 April	Last day of the Spring term

Easter Holiday: Monday 11 April – Friday 22 April

Easter Sunday: Sunday 17 April

SUMMER TERM 2022

Monday 25 April	School opens
Friday 29 April	Parents' meeting for Laches Wood – Elm Class
Monday 2 May	School closed due to May Bank Holiday

Half Term: Monday 30 May – Friday 3 June

Monday 6 June	INSET Day – school closed to children
Tuesday 7 June	INSET Day – school closed to children
Wednesday 29 June	2022 Reception children to visit St Andrew's
Wednesday 29 June	Year 6 Pupils to visit Weston Road High School
Wednesday 20 July	Last day of the school year

Summer Holiday: Thursday 21 July – Friday 2 September 2022

TERM DATES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2022 – 2023

Autumn Term 2022

Inset day: Monday 5 September

Term starts: Tuesday 6 September

Holiday: Monday 24 October – Friday 28 October

Inset day: Monday 31 October

Term ends: Friday 16 December

Holiday: Monday 19 December – Monday 2 January

Spring Term 2023

Inset day: Tuesday 3 January

Term starts: Wednesday 4 January

Holiday: Monday 20 February – Friday 24 February

Term ends: Friday 31 March

Holiday: Monday 3 April – Friday 14 April

Easter Sunday: Sunday 9 April

Summer Term 2023

Term starts: Monday 17 April

May Day: Monday 1 May

Inset day: Friday 26 May

Holiday: Monday 29 May – Friday 2 June

Inset day: Monday 5 June

Term ends: Tuesday 25 July

Holiday: Wednesday 26 July – Friday 1 September